

Pennington Court Residents Win In Court!

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Authority had not given the tenants the proper notice. (Federal regulations require that 14 day notice in writing be given to renters in public housing if the landlord plans to evict them).
 While they were on rent strike, many residents put their rent money into an account with the court (called an "escrow account"). The judge ordered all this money - \$30,000 - returned to the residents. This is not the end of their fight. The Housing Authority may begin the eviction proceedings again.
 But they are pleased with the court decision. And they plan to continue their rent strike until the Housing Authority provides safe, decent apartments with heat and hot water.

Residents of Pennington Court (and other public housing) who have been on rent strike won a victory in court Jan. 28.
 Since Oct., 1980, residents have been on rent strike because the Housing Authority is not doing its job to provide heat, hot water and fix and maintain the apartments. Housing Authority has refused to spend over \$35,000,000 to fix the buildings. (A landlord is responsible to provide heat, hot water, and a decent apartment. In a rent strike, tenants do not pay their rent until the landlord meets his obligation).
 After the residents began their rent strike, Housing Authority took them to court to evict them. But the judge ordered the cases dismissed because the Housing



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